

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method of providing a bingo bonus game in a bingo gaming system, the method comprising:
 - receiving a wager from two or more players to establish a gaming session in the bingo gaming system, wherein the wager is exchanged for a virtual bingo card;
 - generating a bingo ball draw to be presented to the at least two players, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls;
 - sending one or more balls from the bingo ball draw to the gaming machines until a winning event occurs at a bingo gaming terminal;
 - presenting the winning event from the bingo game as a game outcome of non-bingo game of chance;
 - determining, for each virtual bingo card in the gaming session, if a bonus win event occurred; and
 - presenting the bonus win event as a game outcome of a non-bingo game of chance.
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the bonus win event comprises a bingo bonus pattern of four corners of the virtual bingo card being daubed, and wherein the predetermined number of bingo balls is fifty bingo balls.
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - creating a prize pool including elements which correspond to game outcomes of the non-bingo game of chance;
 - randomly selecting a number of elements from the prize pool;
 - sending the selected elements to player terminals corresponding to virtual bingo cards in the bingo game; and
 - sending non-winning bingo game results to player terminals corresponding to virtual bingo cards the bingo game, if any.
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7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

allocating a portion of the wagers received from the two or more players to a bonus pool;
and

awarding a bonus prize for the bonus win event, wherein the bonus prize is funded with monies from the bonus pool.

8. (previously presented) A method for providing a bonus game for a bingo game, the method comprising:

creating a bingo gaming session that includes two or more players initiating a bingo game at two or more bingo terminals;

forming a prize pool that includes a plurality of game outcomes for a non-bingo game of chance;

generating and presenting a bingo ball draw at the two or more bingo player terminals, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls;

displaying a non-bingo winning game outcome to the player in response to a winning bingo game outcome occurring at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo winning game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from the prize pool;

sending any remaining bingo balls from the bingo ball draw to the two or more bingo player terminals to generate a bonus game; and

presenting the bonus game to the two or more bingo player terminals.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the non-bingo game of chance is a multi-reel slots game or a poker game.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

determining whether a winning bonus outcome occurred on the two or more bingo game terminals; and

awarding a bonus payout from a bonus pool.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising allocating a portion of the wagers received from the two or more players to a bonus pool for bonus payouts.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein presenting the bonus game further comprises presenting a non-bingo bonus game outcome in response to an

occurrence of a winning bonus game event at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo bonus game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from the prize pool.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the bonus pool is a progressive jackpot pool.

14. (previously presented) A method for providing a progressive award for a bingo gaming system, the method comprising:

creating a bingo gaming session that includes two or more players initiating a bingo game at two or more bingo terminals;

allocating a portion of a wager from the two or more wagers to a progressive jackpot;

presenting a bingo game to the two or more players, wherein results from the bingo game are displayed as non-bingo game of chance;

initiating a bonus game on the two or more bingo terminals; and

awarding one or more progressive prizes for any winning outcomes in the bonus game, wherein the progressive prize is a prorated progressive jackpot amount that is dependent upon the wager of the player.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein presenting the bingo game further comprises:

generating a bingo ball draw presented at the two or more bingo player terminals, wherein the bingo draw includes a predetermined number of bingo balls; and

displaying a non-bingo winning game outcome to the player in response to a winning bingo game outcome occurring at a bingo player terminal, wherein the non-bingo winning game outcome corresponds to a prize selected from a prize pool, wherein the prize pool includes a plurality of game outcomes for the non-bingo game of chance.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein initiating the bonus game further comprises:

sending any remaining bingo balls from the bingo ball draw to the two or more bingo player terminals to generate the bonus game; and

presenting the bonus game outcome as a non-bingo game outcome.

17. (previously presented) A method for providing a player-funded bonus game in a bingo game, the method comprising:

receiving a wager from two or more bingo game terminals to establish a gaming session for a bingo game;

allocation a portion of the wager from the two or more bingo game terminals to a bonus pool;

generating an ordered ball draw for the gaming session;

initiating a bonus game on the two or more bingo game terminals if a predetermined minimum number of bingo balls remain in the ordered ball draw;

determining if a winning bonus outcome is present on the two or more gaming machines; and

awarding a bonus award from the bonus pool for the winning bonus outcome.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising displaying the bonus game outcome as an outcome of a non-bingo game-of-chance.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the bonus pool is a progressive pool.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the bonus award is a prorated amount of the bonus pool that is dependent upon the wager.